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Mr. Ed Ryan
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Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
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RE: The City Political Action Committee (CityPAC)
FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C00187526

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This letter is an attempt, however inadequate, to explain why CityPAC's reports have been filed late on so many occasions.

Our organization is an entirely volunteer organization made up of individuals in their 20s and 30s. Its purpose was and is to get young people active in the political process by giving them a chance to play a meaningful role in getting candidates elected and shaping their positions on issues of concern to the group. The PAC also has a social element to it, and over the years its events and committee meetings have brought young people together, resulting in quite a few marriages.

When the organization was started in the mid-1980s, there was a great deal of enthusiasm for it and its issues. Since then, the enthusiasm has waned, and it has been difficult both to get people involved and to get them to follow our internal processes for reporting information that ultimately appears on our FEC reports.

Our top priority has been to record on the report information we know to be accurate and complete. I take responsibility for having delayed filings when I haven't believed the information to be correct or I didn't have all the information I needed to fill out a complete report. I can assure you that nothing goes on one of our FEC reports unless it is completely accurate.

We plan to review after the November election whether we should continue to exist as an organization. In the mean time, we ask the FEC's indulgence. To deal with some of our problems, we have centralized many activities that used to be opportunities for greater involvement on the part of non-officers, and this should improve things significantly.

Please contact me at (312) 464-9396 or at the address at the top of this letter if there is anything else I can do to help.

Sincerely,



Russell J. Pass

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